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This is the private note on [REDACTED]

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The memo itself calls a spade a spade and is acceptable to AD/CR as written. All facts on how the project was handled are in it.

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Missing, however, are any remarks concerning [REDACTED] decision to abstain. I believe he thinks of this type ADP Committee business as a potential threat to his independent authority.

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However, many months ago when his [REDACTED] program hit a technical impasse and he was confronted with a \$2,000,000 overrun -- he did not hesitate to refer the matter to the ADP Committee for endorsement and support. It suited his office strategy to do so.

In a nutshell, he believes that (1) as a "Project Officer" himself, he is not in a position to become involved with controversial operational problems of another "Project Officer"; (2) once a project has been approved, its successful execution is the project officer's responsibility unless he asks for Committee support; and (3) it's distasteful to him to subscribe to memoranda implying criticism of personal judgment. In consequence, he's steered clear of Committee deliberations and specifically excluded himself from the final project evaluations.

I've urged him to treat your request to the Committee as Agency business - transcending office interests -- but he refuses to see it that way.

